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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace by United States aircraft for purposes of reconnaissance and provocation continued during the period 29 June to 5 July 1993.

29 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 69 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,500 metres, centred over Nasiriyah, Basra, Amarah, Qurnah, Salman, Samawah, and Busayyah.

At 1212 hours on 29 June 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 700 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over the Ayn Zalah area in the Ninawa Governorate. It left at 1340 hours in the direction of Turkish airspace to the north of Zakho.

30 June 1993

(a) Northern region: 35 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,500 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 11,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Amarah, Jalibah, and Qal'at Sukkar.

At 1350 hours on 30 June 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace over the Diwaniyah, Nasiriyah and Samawah areas. It left at 1450 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace to the south of Jalibah.

1 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dohuk.

(b) Southern region: 65 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 11,000 metres, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Shinafiyah, and Abu Sukhayr.

2 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 30 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 5,500 to 10,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Shaqlawah.

(b) Southern region: 73 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Amarah, Salman, Samawah, Shatrah, Busayyah and Jalibah.

3 July 1993

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 8,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 92 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 11,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Rifa'i, Ushbayjah, Khidr, Lasaf and Salman.

4 July 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the northern region on 4 July 1993.

(b) Southern region: At 1234 hours on 4 July 1993, a hostile two-aircraft formation flying at a speed of 780 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 7,000 metres penetrated Iraqi airspace in the southern region over Basra and Artawi. It left at 1305 hours.

5 July 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile air activity was reported in the northern region on 5 July 1993.

(b) Southern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 7,000 to 12,000 metres, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Salman, Amarah and Busayyah.

At 1220 hours on 5 July 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres

penetrated Iraqi airspace over the Faw area in the southern region. It left at 1505 hours in the direction of Saudi airspace over the Busayyah area.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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